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APPLICANT: Obayan et al. **GROUP ART UNIT:** 1743
SERIAL NO.: 09/766,522 **EXAMINER:** Cole, Monique T.
FILED: January 19, 2001 **DATED:** March 6, 2003
FOR: RAPID ASSAY FOR TESTING
OVERALL OXIDATIVE STRESS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

In response to the requirement for restriction set forth in the Office Action mailed February 7, 2003 in the above-identified application, applicants elect with traverse the subject matter of the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-19 and 28-34.

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed February 7, 2003, the Examiner issued a requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 categorizing original Claims 1-34 as follows:

Group I made up of Claims 1-19 and 28-34 drawn to a method for determining oxidative stress, a method of identifying a mammalian subject in need of medical treatment, and a kit suitable for assaying oxidative stress; and

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Dated: March 6, 2003

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